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CHAPTER 277

Ministry of Energy Act

1. In this Act,

Interpre-
tation

(a) "Deputy Minister" means the Deputy Minister of Energy;

(b) "Minister" means the Minister of Energy;

(c) "Ministry" means the Ministry of Energy. 1973, c. 56, s. 1.

2. The ministry of the public service known as the Ministry of Energy is continued. 1973, c. 56, s. 2, *revised*.

Ministry
continued

3. The Minister shall preside over and have charge of the Ministry. 1973, c. 56, s. 3.

Minister
to have
charge

4. The Minister is responsible for the administration of this Act, any Acts that are assigned to him by the Legislature or by the Lieutenant Governor in Council and the *Ontario Energy Board Act* and the *Power Corporation Act*. 1973, c. 56, s. 4; 1973, c. 57, s. 19.

Duties of
Minister
of Energy
R.S.O. 1980,
cc. 332, 384

5.—(1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council shall appoint a Deputy Minister of Energy who shall be the deputy head of the Ministry.

Deputy
Minister
of Energy

(2) Such officers and employees as are required from time to time for the proper conduct of the business of the Ministry may be appointed under the *Public Service Act*.

Staff

R.S.O. 1980,
c. 418

(3) No action or other proceeding for damages shall be instituted against the Deputy Minister or any officer or employee of the Ministry or anyone acting under his authority for any act done in good faith in the execution or intended execution of his duty or for any alleged neglect or default in the execution in good faith of his duty.

Protection
from personal
liability

(4) Subsection (3) does not, by reason of subsections 5 (2) and (4) of the *Proceedings Against the Crown Act*, relieve the Crown of liability in respect of a tort committed by a person mentioned in subsection (3) to which it would otherwise be subject and the Crown is liable under that Act for any such tort in a like manner as if subsection (3) had not been enacted. 1973, c. 56, s. 5.

Liability
of Crown
R.S.O. 1980,
c. 393

Moneys
required by
Ministry

6. The expenditures of the Ministry shall be paid out of the moneys appropriated therefor by the Legislature. 1973, c. 56, s. 6, *revised*.

Seal

7.—(1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may authorize a seal for the Ministry.

Idem

(2) The seal may be reproduced by engraving, lithographing, printing or other method of mechanical reproduction and when so reproduced has the same effect as if manually affixed. 1973, c. 56, s. 7.

Objectives of
Minister

8. The Minister or the Deputy Minister, subject to the direction and control of the Minister, shall,

- (a) review energy matters on a continuing basis with regard to both short-term and long-term goals in relation to the energy needs of the Province of Ontario;
- (b) advise and assist the Government of Ontario in its dealings with other governments regarding energy matters;
- (c) make recommendations for the effective co-ordination of all energy matters within the Government of Ontario with a view to ensuring the consistent application of policy in every area of concern regarding energy and, notwithstanding the generality of the foregoing, with respect to adequacy of supplies, prices, franchises and the development of energy resources indigenous to Ontario; and
- (d) make recommendations regarding priorities for and the development of research in all aspects of energy of significance to Ontario, including the conservation of energy and the improvement of efficiency in its production and utilization and the development of new energy sources. 1973, c. 56, s. 8.

Delegation
of powers
and duties

9. Where, under this or any other Act, a power or duty is granted to or vested in the Minister, he may in writing, subject to the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, delegate that power or duty to the Deputy Minister, or to any officer or officers of the Ministry, subject to such limitations, restrictions, conditions and requirements as the Minister may set out in his delegation. 1973, c. 56, s. 9.

Advisory
committees

10. Subject to the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, the Minister may establish advisory committees to

the Minister and sub-committees thereto, appoint chairmen and members of such committees and sub-committees, fix the terms of reference of such committees and sub-committees and fix the remuneration and expenses of the chairmen and members of such committees and sub-committees. 1973, c. 56, s. 10.

11. The Minister after the close of each year shall submit^{Annual report} to the Lieutenant Governor in Council an annual report upon the affairs of the Ministry and shall then lay the report before the Assembly if it is in session or, if not, at the next ensuing session. 1973, c. 56, s. 11.

